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SIR: This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☒ **Divisional** Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/961,288 filed September 25, 2001 of Tatsuhiko EMA, Shinichi ITO, and Katsuya OKUMURA for FILM-FORMING METHOD, FILM-FORMING APPARATUS AND LIQUID FILM DRYING APPARATUS.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/961,288 as originally filed on September 25, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The undersigned hereby verifies that no new matter is added in this substitute specification.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith

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6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. ☐ New acceptable drawings are enclosed.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba, Reel 012202, frame 0927.
10. ☒ Priority of Application Nos. 2000-295232, filed on September 27, 2000, and 2000-296089, filed on September 28, 2000, in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Certified copies
- ☐ is enclosed or ☒ are on file in the prior application.
11. ☐ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg.

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13. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
14. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
15. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
16. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney _____
17. ☒ Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/961,288, filed September 25, 2001, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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*With limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. §10.9(b).

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